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TO HEADS OF STATE OF LIBERIA, GUINEA, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST,
THE GAMBIA AND TOGO

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THE EMBASSY WISHES TO REITERATE ITS SUGGESTION (REFTEL A) THAT THE PRESIDENT SEND MESSAGES OF CONGRALUTATIONS TO THE CHIEFS OF STATE INVOLVED IN THE SIX-NATION RECONCILIA-TION SUMMIT HELD IN MONROVIA MARCH 18-19. THIS SUMMIT MEETING IS IMPORTANT TO US AS A SYMBOL OF THE TREND IN GUINEA TOWARD MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH ITS WESTERN-ORIENTED NEIGHBORS AND WITH THE U.S., AND A LOOSENING OF ITS ATTACHMENT TO ITS BLOC FRIENDS. THE LIBERIAN RADIO HAS BEEN BROADCASTING MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT TOLBERRT FROM AFRICAN HEADS WHILE CONAKRY RADIO HAS BEEN REPEATING TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATIONS TO TOURE FROM AFRICAN, NON-AFRICAN. THIRD WORLD AND SOME EUROPEAN NATIONS (REFTEL B). A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AT THIS POINT WOULD BE TIMELY, AND APPRECIATED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE GESTURE IN VIEW OF THE COMING CARTER/TOLBERT MEETING APRIL 3. CONFIDENTIAL.

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